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SUSTAINABLE URBAN TRANSPORT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of Sustainable Urban Transport Programme;

(b) details of cities that have been identified to develop a s viable models of sustainable urban transport and also t o reduce greenhouse gas emissions;

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to make the identified cities under less pollution; and

(d) the steps taken to promote non-motorised vehicles in the country, particularly in rapidly growing cities in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a): The aims and objectives of Sustainable Urban Transport Programme (SUTP) are as under:-

(i) To strengthen capacity of GoI, and participating States and cities in planning, financing, operating and managing sustainable urban transport systems; and

(ii) To assist States and cities in preparing and implementing demonstration `Urban Transport` projects, which will help in reduction of emission of greenhouse gases (GHG).

(b): The cities that have been identified as demonstration cities for SUTP are Hyderabad, Indore, Pune, Mysore, Ahmedabad, Ajmer-Pushkar, Thiruvananthapuram, Naya Raipur and Jalandhar.

(c): The measures proposed to be undertaken varies from city to city and includes that following:-

(i) Improvement of pedestrianisation infrastructure.

(ii) Non-motorized transport system.

(iii) Incentivising multi modal travel.

(iv) Enhancements and improvements to bus rapid transit operations.

(v) Information Technology System (ITS) improvements to bus rapid transit system.

(d): The Ministry has circulated and disseminated National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP), 2006 to all States, which emphasizes the greater use of public transport, pedestrianisation and non-motorised modes. The Ministry has also advised the State Governments to ensure that Central assistance sought by the city authorities for urban transport under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) should be NUTP compliant. The Ministry has further advised the State Governments to ensure that enough provision should be made for dedicated path for pedestrian and cycle users while building new or widening roads, preparing Master Plans and developing new township, satellite towns, Special Economic Zones (SEZ), etc.